



County of Los Angeles  
Department of Public Social Services

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**TO:** Each Supervisor

**FROM:** Bryce Yokomizo, Director

**SUBJECT: DEPARTMENT OF WATER AND POWER (DWP) REFRIGERATOR  
EXCHANGE PROGRAM**

This is to update you on the Los Angeles Department of Water and Power's (DWP) Low-Income Refrigerator Exchange Program. DWP and DPSS signed an agreement last year in which DWP would distribute 1,000 of their refrigerators to DPSS clients who meet the criteria established by DWP. In 2001, DPSS entered into a memorandum of understanding with the DWP to engage in outreach to our constituents in DWP's service area to identify participants for this program. The largest population are In-Home Supportive Services (IHSS) and GAIN participants.

In my July report, I informed you that DWP's contract for deliveries had expired in December, 2001. Until then 395 refrigerators had been delivered. No refrigerators had been approved or delivered since that time. DWP has now advised us that a new contract was signed on September 3, and the program is up and running again. My staff will continue to forward refrigerator applications to DWP.

I will continue to monitor the program and keep you updated on its progress.

BY:jw

c: Chief Administrative Officer  
County Counsel  
Executive Officer, Board of Supervisors